



National Service in Illinois



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN ILLINOIS

More than 13,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Illinois. Serving at more than 2,100 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$36,260,000 to support Illinois communities through national service and social innovation initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$38,900,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 2,600 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Illinois. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Illinois, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight hunger and illiteracy, improve health services, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 39,000 Illinois residents have served more than 55 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$131,790,000.

Senior Corps: More than 11,000 seniors in Illinois contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 3,600 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 590 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 1,400 groups across Illinois.

Social Innovation Fund: The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Illinois, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing more than \$460,000 in expanding the impact of 14 nonprofits in Illinois.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS engages millions of Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads volunteer initiatives across the nation. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Illinois At a Glance



	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps National	50	126	852	\$4,091,570	\$4,669,759 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	9	184	760	\$3,761,813	\$4,405,193
AmeriCorps State Formula	23	185	834	\$2,685,915	\$5,022,827
AmeriCorps VISTA	18	130	182	\$1,052,765	\$2,808,442
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	100	625	2,628	\$11,592,063	\$16,906,221
Senior Corps					
Foster Grandparent Program	10	244	1,321	-	\$4,227,718
RSVP	17	1,477	9,408	-	\$1,418,353
Senior Companion Program	5	38	412	-	\$1,151,158
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	32	1,759	11,141	-	\$6,797,229
Social Innovation Fund					
Nonprofit Subgrantees	14	-	-	-	\$460,598
SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	14	-	-	-	\$460,598
Other Funding					
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$120,799
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$390,990
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	2	-	-	-	\$511,789
PROGRAM TOTALS	148	2,384⁴	13,769	\$11,592,063	\$24,675,837
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$36,267,900
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$38,909,707⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$75,177,607

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- ¹ This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2016 - 2017 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- ² This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Illinois. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- ³ AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- ⁴ The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- ⁵ As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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State Commission

The Serve Illinois Commission has recently formed the Illinois Disaster Corps program. Through this program, AmeriCorps members from different programs across the state will be trained on the operation of a Volunteer Reception Center. The creation of this Corps comes from years of Illinois' response needs, and a partnership with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. This year has seen significant movement in the creation of Illinois first statewide disaster response team and it will be using AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members.

AmeriCorps State

One of the Illinois Justice Corps AmeriCorps members was staffing the courthouse law library when a distraught woman with visible injuries and a child came in, looking for help, with an Order of Protection for domestic violence. The Circuit Clerk told the woman where to find forms, but couldn't provide any other direction. Luckily, the Justice Corps member was able to step in. The member sat with the woman for about an hour and showed her how to complete the lengthy forms. Meanwhile, across the room, another member drew pictures on scrap paper with the child as a distraction while the mother described the abuse. After the forms were completed, the member walked with the woman and child to the Circuit Clerk's office to file the forms and was able to calm the woman while explaining what would happen next in the process. The member walked with her to the appropriate courtroom, and gave the woman the information for a domestic violence advocate and counselor. The Justice Corps member gave empathy and assistance to a woman and made an unbearable situation a little more manageable.

Francisco emigrated from Mexico in 1992. He lived in Chicago for 20 years and graduated from Noble Rauner College Prep in 2010, where he had been taught by many Teach For America AmeriCorps members and alumni. Francisco went on to study history at Wabash College, lead a number of campus groups, and graduate cum laude. After he graduated, Francisco joined Teach For America in Chicago and was hired to teach at Noble Hansberry College Prep – the same network where he attended high school. In year one at Hansberry, Francisco led his students to more than 1.5 years of academic growth. Now in his second year, Francisco teaches AP World History. He oversees an advisory group of 15 young men, helping them get on and stay on track to meet the school's promotion requirements, which include grades, community service, and other criteria. He is responsible for supporting these students in their college application process, and hopes that his support and teaching will create the opportunity for some of his students to do exactly what he did: excel in high school and college then come back to serve their local school community as Noble teachers.

AmeriCorps National

Chicago's HIV prevalence rate is nearly three times the national average. To address HIV in their community, 11 full time AIDS United AmeriCorps members provide direct services to Chicago residents, including HIV testing and counseling, health care access, prevention outreach, prevention education, and emotional and social services to at-risk populations. Since 2000, AIDS United AmeriCorps members in Chicago have informed more than 20,000 people of their HIV status through HIV rapid testing and counseled them on their risk behaviors. The team has reached more than 35,000 people through community outreach and education, providing information about HIV/AIDS risk reduction and connecting people to medical care. Members have also mobilized more than 1,000 volunteers in the Chicago area.

Citizen Schools is a nonprofit organization that partners with middle schools to expand the learning day for children in low-income communities. Its AmeriCorps members serve in Chicago public schools, leading real-world learning projects, providing academic support, and helping all students discover and achieve their dreams. In their two years of service, AmeriCorps members serve as Teaching Fellows, giving students months of extra learning through academic mentoring and skill-building apprenticeships that translate into college readiness and career opportunities. Citizen Schools has been recognized as a leader in engaging volunteers, generating student impact, and balancing direct service with systemic change efforts. Students who are supported by Citizen Schools graduated from high school within four years at a rate of 71 percent, compared to 59 percent among matched peers, and 61 percent of Citizen Schools' alumni enroll in college.

City Year Chicago AmeriCorps has 206 members who serve full-time at 24 schools, helping more than 15,860 students at greatest risk of dropping out. City Year AmeriCorps members work alongside teachers, using research-based tools to improve students' attendance, behavior, and performance in math and English. The members also lead afterschool programs and school-wide initiatives to improve school culture. Thanks to the members' service, 52 percent of students who had individual support and began the year with a D or F in math or English improved their grades to C or higher, and 82 percent the teachers agree that having a City Year AmeriCorps member in their classroom allows them to reach more students and meet individual student learning needs.

The Chicago Urban League has four AmeriCorps members who serve through its Healthy Living Peer Educators Program. The AmeriCorps members reach out to participants, help them enroll in health insurance, and teach preventive health education workshops. The AmeriCorps members helped more than 400 underserved residents in the Chicago area. At one community event, AmeriCorps members partnered with the Chicago Urban League's weekly Workforce Development Department Success Strategies program to teach health education workshops for youth and young adults. For Black History Month, the members designed a rich, engaging, month-long health awareness series called Black Health for Black History. The members partner every week with the American Red Cross, local physicians' offices, health food grocers, and fitness and wellness organizations to offer interactive activities for members of the community.

New Sector AmeriCorps members in the AmeriCorps RISE program complete high-impact capacity-building projects for organizations in the Chicago area that focus on education and economic opportunity. Their service helps local nonprofits with projects ranging from volunteer engagement to performance measurement and beyond, and allows the nonprofits to create, improve, or expand services to their community. In the past year, 15 New Sector AmeriCorps members completed projects to strengthen organizations that serve more than 150 "opportunity youth" and 40,000 low-income residents. The AmeriCorps members participated in up to 200 hours of training, mentorship, and coaching to strengthen their service and help them continue to serve through careers in the social impact sector.

Up2Us Sports' Coach Across America program trained and placed 25 members in Chicago in the past year. The members coached and led sports-based programming. They used mentoring and youth development skills to help young people learn life skills and improve health through sports. They served 3,445 youth – mostly minority youth from low-income families – at 11 host sites. At the end of the program, 91 percent of the youth improved in one or more positive internal attribute that contributes to healthy decision-making, and 91 percent of the youth reported that their coach was a good role model. This program is effective because it uses sports to engage under-represented populations into AmeriCorps roles and inspire in them a longer-term commitment to service. After they complete their service, half of the AmeriCorps member coaches plan to pursue careers and/or higher education in recreation or health fields.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs manages a 20 member AmeriCorps VISTA project that addresses food security issues in rural communities, after-school programming for at-risk students, affordable housing, and access to social services. The Institute for Rural Affairs collaborates with seven community partners across Illinois to bring vital VISTA resources to rural communities. The Macomb Food Coop successfully reached its goal of creating a sustainable food cooperative. Over the last three years, VISTA members helped establish a food cooperative to improve access to healthy food for low-income families in the region. VISTA members identified local vendors who offered farm-to-table produce and vegetables, increased the number of low-income producers who sold their goods at the co-op; recruited and managed 500 volunteers who served 10,000 hours in 2016; created an online store that developed into a brick-and-mortar store resulting in the hiring of a full-time and part-time staff member; and managed 200 student volunteers who worked in the community garden.

Housing Action Illinois serves as an intermediary sponsor and manages 15 collaborative relationships. AmeriCorps VISTA members at HOPE Fair Housing Center assisted in writing three grants and managed a team of volunteers to lead the Dupage 5K Human Race, bringing in a total of \$88,185. At Respond Now, they helped secure grants totaling \$150,000 from Grant Healthcare Foundation and the Cook County Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. At Northwest Side Housing Center, they managed special fundraising efforts including Giving Tuesday and the Annual Appeal, bringing in \$64,500.00 in cash resources. At Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, they coordinated the annual fundraiser and leveraged \$43,050 in cash donations and \$10,000 in in-kind donations. At the Spanish Coalition for Housing, they worked on a grant proposal for JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo raising \$90,000 in cash resources and \$121,000 in in-kind donations. At Mercy Housing Center, they created partnerships that resulted in 47 residents being hired and created an asset map identifying MHL partners and raised \$150,000 in cash resources and \$25,000 in in-kind donations.

AmeriCorps NCCC

In service with the Forest Preserve of Cook County, an AmeriCorps NCCC team helped restore an urban forest preserve by removing invasive species in order to allow native plants to thrive. As part of its centennial initiative, the Forest Preserve has recommitted to improving the health of this land and to ensure the preserve's appearance is welcoming to visitors. The team mulched 30 acres of trees, walking trails, and educational flower and plant gardens. The team also removed 200 ash trees that were affected by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle and cleared 10 acres of land consisting of dead trees and giant branches, and removed bucked logs and limbs. Members removed about 2,000 pounds of Garlic Mustard, Burdock, Buckthorn, Honeysuckle and Burberry plants. The team's effort contributed to the restoration of the forest preserves, reestablished native plants and animals that once belonged to the area, and provided safer recreational areas for the visitors of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

National Service Impact in Illinois

An AmeriCorps NCCC team assisted Living Lands and Water (LLW) with an Alternative Spring Break river cleanup program, planting trees and leading volunteers through the Million Tree Project. The program hosts community-based river cleanups where volunteers collect debris from shorelines and islands via work boats and barges. The project started in Memphis, TN where members helped clean up the Mississippi River during the program's event. Members collected 3,061 lbs of trash. When the team was finished helping with the event they traveled to East Moline to help with the project. The project consisted of wrapping, delivering, and handing out trees. The trees were Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Bur Oak, Red Oak, and Black Oak. During the time spent in East Moline, the team wrapped a total of 125,000 trees. Afterward, the team traveled to Peoria to hand out 8,500 trees on Earth Day. Due to the work of the team, the Mississippi River (which many communities depend on) was protected, while the tree canopy increased in multiple towns and cities.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program of Menard and Sangamon County, sponsored by One Hope United, partnered with Springfield School District 186 to survey school families. When assessing the "spectrum of homelessness," the survey identified more than 1,000 children that were homeless or doubled-up at friends' houses. Studies show that children of families who are homeless are often at or below the poverty level and at risk for low academic achievement. The program matched 56 Foster Grandparent volunteers with 162 elementary students. In one school year, 97 percent of students increased their academic performance in literacy and/or math.

Senior Corps RSVP

The Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA)'s Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has served Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa's Quad Cities area since 2001. For the 2015-2016 grant year, more than 770 volunteers served Illinois's Henderson, Mercer, Rock Island, Knox, and Warren Counties and Iowa's Scott County. During the year, volunteers provided 1,500 individuals with emergency food, supported 2,500 veterans, provided safety, health, and welfare programs to 800 children, and served 5,115 hours in disaster assistance and response. By collaborating with Scott County Emergency Management Agency, WIAAA's RSVP developed a successful Volunteer Reception Center. When a tornado hit Rock Island County in March 2016, RSVP activated the center. Volunteers supported local residents throughout the disaster's aftermath. This partnership served as a catalyst for additional disaster trainings throughout the sponsor's service area, and facilitated partnerships between the Scott County Health Department, local Red Cross chapter, Davenport Fire Department, Clinton County Emergency Management Agency, Quad Cities Community Organization Active in Disaster, and the Illinois Disaster Corps.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, sponsors the Senior Companion Program (SCP) for Will, Kankakee, Grundy, and Iroquois Counties. This year, more than 69 SCP volunteers helped more than 183 clients live independently in their homes, including at least 13 veterans. They also provided respite care to more than 72 caregivers. Catholic Charities partnered with the Senior Service Center of Will County, Iroquois Public Health Department, and Grundy County Health Department to support these frail and at-risk seniors. This year, 163 clients (89 percent) and 58 caregivers (80 percent) reported feeling more connected to their community and increased ability to remain living in their own home.

Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. The SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities across America. AIDS Foundation of Chicago's Connect2Care Program has maintained more than 90 percent linkage to care rate for clients enrolled since 2010. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation SIF programs are putting residents back to work, and in 2015 they helped place more than 600 people in jobs. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$189,194 and expanding the impact of 13 nonprofits.

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CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	2,628	100
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	256	49

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Aurora	World Relief Aurora (Current) World Relief	1	AmeriCorps National
Belleville	Belleville AmeriCorps (Current) Southwestern Illinois College - Americorps	73	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Bloomington	The Immigration Project (Current) The Immigration Project	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Bridgeview	Arab American Tutoring Program (Completed) Arab American Family Services	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Academy for Urban School Leadership (Current) Academy for Urban School Leadership	50	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance (Current) Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	American Red Cross NPRC - Greater Chicago Region (Current) American National Red Cross DC	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Archdiocese of Chicago (Current) University of Notre Dame	5	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago (Current) Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago	13	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Asian Human Services AmeriCorps Program (Current) Asian Human Services	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Association House (Completed) National Council of La Raza	5	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Cabrini Green Legal Aid (Current) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Catholic Charities Chicago Refugee Resettlement Program (Current) Catholic Charities USA	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Center for Disability and Elder Law (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Center for Disability and Elder Law (Elder JAC) (Current) Equal Justice Works	6	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago (Completed) New Sector Alliance, Inc.	17	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago (Current) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	20	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago Area Project (CAP) (Completed) Chicago Area Project	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Chicago Health Corps (Current) Health Federation of Philadelphia	20	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago HOPES for Kids (Current) Chicago Heightening Opportunity and Potential for Educational Success	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Chicago Legal Clinic (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago Training Center (Current) Up2Us, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago Urban League (Completed) National Urban League	4	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Chicago, HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	City Year Chicago (Current) City Year, Inc.	188	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	City Year Chicago-STA (Current) City Year, Inc.	45	AmeriCorps National

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Chicago	College Possible Chicago (Current) College Possible	16	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Cook County Public Defenders Office (Completed) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Cook County State's Attorney's Office (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	CS Illinois (Current) Citizen Schools, Inc.	8	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Department of Housing and Urban Development Chicago (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	DePaul University (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Equip for Equality (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	First Defense Legal Aid (Current) First Defense Legal Aid	9	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Gads Hill Center (Completed) National Council of La Raza	8	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Greater Chicago Food Depository (Current) Greater Chicago Food Depository	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	Greater Chicago Food Depository AmeriCorps VISTA (Current) Greater Chicago Food Depository	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Heartland Alliance (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	IL Campus Compact (Current) IL Campus Compact	26	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Illinois Affordable Housing Support Project (Current) Housing Action Illinois	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Illinois Campus Compact (Completed) IL Campus Compact	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Illinois JusticeCorps (Current) Illinois Bar Foundation	68	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino (Completed) National Council of La Raza	9	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	LAF Chicago (Current) Equal Justice Works	2	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Legal Aid Foundation of Chicago (Completed) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Legal Assistance Foundation (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago II (Current) Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago	44	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center (Current) Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Metropolitan Family Services (Current) Equal Justice Works	12	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	MORE: Making Opportunities for Reading Enrichment (Current) Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	21	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	National Immigrant Justice Center (Completed) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National

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Chicago	National Immigrant Justice Center, EOLC (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chptr (Completed) National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Greater Illinois Chapter	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Northwestern University Settlement Association (Current) Northwestern University Settlement Association	75	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Chicago (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	12	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Playworks Chicago (Current) Playworks Education Energized	15	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Public Allies Chicago (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	36	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Public Allies Chicago ND (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	15	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	RCC- Illinois (Current) American National Red Cross DC	6	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Roosevelt University (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	40	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Safe Families AmeriCorps Program (Current) American Red Cross - Chicago	27	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Illinois (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	SCA IL (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	SCA Illinois (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Small Business Development Services (Completed) Accion Chicago, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Teach For America - Chicago (Current) Teach For America	29	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Teach For America - Chicago School Turnaround (Completed) Teach For America	3	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Teach For America-Chicago (Current) Teach For America	292	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	The John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Chicago	Top Box Foods (Current) Top Box Foods	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Turning the Page Chicago (Current) Turning the Page	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	United Way of Metropolitan Chicago (Current) United Way of Metropolitan Chicago	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Up2Us Sports Coaches (U2UC) in Illinois (Current) Up2Us, Inc.	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	VOCAL (Current) Literacy Volunteers of America - Illinois	31	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Chicago	Windy City HFH (Completed) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National

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Chicago	YMCA of the USA New Immigrant and Promise Youth (Current) YMCA of the USA	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Chicago	Youth Guidance AmeriCorps (Completed) Youth Guidance	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Chicago	Youth Guidance II (Current) Youth Guidance	16	AmeriCorps State Formula
Clinton	Trails for Illinois (September 13 - September 16, 2016) Trails for Illinois	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Des Plaines	AmeriCorps Prisoner and Family Ministries-LSSI (Current) Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	30	AmeriCorps State Formula
Des Plaines	LSSI - Chicago (Completed) Lutheran Social Services of Illinois NOT ACTIVE	46	AmeriCorps National
Dixon	AmeriCorps Benefits the Community (ABC) (Current) Sauk Valley Community College	45	AmeriCorps State Formula
East Moline	Living Lands and Waters (March 11 - April 22, 2016) Living Lands & Water (LL&W)	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
East Saint Louis	AmeriCorps/East St. Louis: Project ADVANCE (Current) Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House A-CORPS	143	AmeriCorps State Formula
East Saint Louis	East Saint Louis Operation AmeriCorps (June 6 - August 10, 2016) East Saint Louis Operation AmeriCorps	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
East Saint Louis	East St. Louis 189 (Current) Blueprint Schools Network	11	AmeriCorps National
East Saint Louis	East St. Louis School District 189 (Current) East St. Louis School District 189	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
East Saint Louis	Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation (Current) Equal Justice Works	1	AmeriCorps National
East Saint Louis	Operation AmeriCorps East St. Louis (Current) East St. Louis School District 189	91	AmeriCorps State Competitive
East Saint Louis	YouthBuild East St. Louis, IL (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	50	AmeriCorps National
Elgin	Project Opportunity (Current) Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois	19	AmeriCorps State Formula
Elizabeth	Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (October 12 - November 2, 2016) Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Elmhurst	Citizen Advocacy Center (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Evanston	Northwestern University (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps National
Evanston	Y.O.U.th Serve Evanston, Morton Grove, and Skokie (Current) Youth & Opportunity United, Inc.	22	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Galena	Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (March 11 - April 22, 2016) Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Geneva	Northern Illinois Food Bank (Current) Northern Illinois Food Bank	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Godfrey	YouthBuild Godfrey, IL (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	33	AmeriCorps National
Harrisburg	Shawnee National Forest (Current) Mt. Adams Institute	1	AmeriCorps National

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CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)	2,628	100
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	256	49

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Highland Park	Kids Rank (Completed) Points of Light Foundation	2	AmeriCorps National
Ina	Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps (Current) Rend Lake College	59	AmeriCorps State Formula
Joliet	Will County Emergency Management (Current) Points of Light Foundation	2	AmeriCorps National
Kincaid	Habitat for Humanity Sangamon County (October 18 - November 4, 2016) Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Kincaid	Habitat for Humanity Sangamon County (October 18 - November 4, 2016) Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Lake Forest	Lake County Cares (Completed) Points of Light Foundation	2	AmeriCorps National
Lake Forest	Schuler Family Foundation (Current) Schuler Family Foundation	40	AmeriCorps State Formula
Lawrenceville	Cra-Wa-La Volunteers in Probation, Inc. (Current) Cra-Wa-La Volunteers in Probation, Inc.	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Macomb	Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs - VISTA (Current) Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Macomb	Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Project (Current) Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Maywood	Housing Forward AmeriCorps (Current) Housing Forward	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Moline	Early Childhood Literacy - Quad Cities (Current) Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University	40	AmeriCorps State Formula
Moline	World Relief Moline (Current) World Relief	1	AmeriCorps National
Monmouth	Community Minds (Current) Henderson Mercer Warren ROE 27	3	AmeriCorps VISTA
Mount Carroll	Carroll County Soil and Water (July 15 - September 1, 2016) Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Mount Vernon	YouthBuild Mt. Vernon (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	-	AmeriCorps National
Mt Prospect	Northwest Compass, Inc. (Current) University of Maryland	67	AmeriCorps National
Normal	YouthBuild Bloomington, IL (Current) YouthBuild McLean County	95	AmeriCorps National
North Chicago	YouthBuild North Chicago, IL (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	41	AmeriCorps National
Oregon	Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center (March 11 - April 22, 2016) Stronghold Camp and Conference Center	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Palos Hills	Serving Illinois' Student Veterans (Completed) Moraine Valley Community College	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Park Forest	Village of Park Forest (July 15 - September 1, 2016) Village of Park Forest, Illinois	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Peoria	Diocese of Peoria (Current) University of Notre Dame	4	AmeriCorps National
Peoria	Fostering Transitions (Completed) Children's Home Association of Illinois	35	AmeriCorps State Formula
Peoria	Peoria (Current) Local Initiatives Support Corporation	6	AmeriCorps National
River Forest	Dominican University (Current) Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	45	AmeriCorps National

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Rockford	Big Brothers Big Sisters One-to-One Mentoring (Current) Big Brothers Big Sisters IL State Association	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Rockford	Rockford Service Corps (Current) YMCA of Rock River Valley	28	AmeriCorps State Formula
Rockford	YouthBuild Rockford, IL (Current) Comprehensive Community Solutions	51	AmeriCorps National
Springfield	AmeriCorps 2014-2017 (Current) Springfield Urban League, Inc.	54	AmeriCorps State Formula
Springfield	Child Care AmeriCorps (Current) Bhicks Childcare and Community Outreach	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Springfield	Illinois Public Health AmeriCorps Program (Current) Illinois Public Health Association	20	AmeriCorps State Formula
Springfield	Sangamon County, HFH- (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Sycamore	DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	Lake County, Illinois, Inc., HFH, (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	OYSI - Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	26	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	YCC Secondary PSE VISTA Program (Current) Youth Conservation Corps, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Waukegan	YO - Youth Conservation Corps (Completed) The Corps Network	14	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	Youth Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	26	AmeriCorps National
Waukegan	YouthBuild Waukegan, IL (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	21	AmeriCorps National
Wheaton	DuPage HFH (Current) Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Wheaton	Giving DuPage (Current) Points of Light Foundation	3	AmeriCorps National
Wheaton	World Relief DuPage (Current) World Relief	1	AmeriCorps National
Wilmette	Illinois Boys Hope Girls Hope (Completed) Boys Hope Girls Hope	-	AmeriCorps National

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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Senior Corps in Illinois



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAMS

CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)

11,141

32

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

1,721

5

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Alton	FGP of Madison, Macoupin, Jersey, Clinton and Marion County (Current) Senior Services Plus Inc.	133	Foster Grandparent Program
Arlington Heights	RSVP of Northern Cook & Northern DuPage Counties (Current) HandsOn Suburban Chicago	800	RSVP
Belleville	FGP of St. Clair County (Current) Southwestern Illinois College	73	Foster Grandparent Program
Belleville	RSVP OF SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE (Completed) Southwestern Illinois College	645	RSVP
Belleville	SCP of St. Clair, Randolph, Monroe & Madison Counties (Current) Southwestern Illinois College	143	Senior Companion Program
Belleville	Southwestern Illinois College II (Current) Southwestern Illinois College	441	RSVP
Centralia	FGP of South Central Illinois (Current) One Hope United - Hudedson Region	133	Foster Grandparent Program
Champaign	RSVP of Champaign, Douglas and Piatt Counties (Current) Family Service of Champaign County	651	RSVP
Charleston	RSVP of Coles County (Completed) Coles County Council on Aging, Inc.	282	RSVP
Chicago	City of Chicago, Dept. of Family & Support Services, Senior (Current) City of Chicago, Dept. of Family & Support Services, Senior Services	119	Senior Companion Program
Chicago	FGP of Chicago (Current) City of Chicago, Dept. of Family & Support Services, Senior Services	207	Foster Grandparent Program
Chicago	FGP of Suburban Cook, Lake and McHenry Counties (Current) Uhlich Children's Advantage Network	203	Foster Grandparent Program
Decatur	Decatur SCP (Current) Chelp (Community Home Environment Learning Project)	10	Senior Companion Program
Decatur	RSVP of Macon and DeWitt Counties (Current) Dove Inc.	500	RSVP
Decatur	SCP of Macon County (Completed) Chelp (Community Home Environment Learning Project)	10	Senior Companion Program
East St. Louis	RSVP of St. Clair County (Current) Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House	300	RSVP
Effingham	RSVP of Clay, Effingham, Moultrie & Shelby Counties (Current) C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation	420	RSVP
Elgin	Kane/Kendall/McHenry Counties RSVP (Current) Senior Services Associates	705	RSVP
Freeport	RSVP of Northwest Illinois (Current) Highland Community College	375	RSVP
Joliet	FGP of Will County (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet	77	Foster Grandparent Program
Joliet	SCP of Grundy, Will, Kankakee, and Iroquois Counties (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet	64	Senior Companion Program
Kankakee	FGP of Kankakee and Livingston Counties (Current) Kankakee School Dist 111	120	Foster Grandparent Program
Lincoln	FGP of Central Illinois (Current) Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois	144	Foster Grandparent Program
Normal	RSVP McLean County (Current) YWCA of McLean County	624	RSVP
Park Forest	SCP of Suburban Cook County (Completed) Rich Township	84	Senior Companion Program
Park Ridge	Center of Concern SCP (Current) Center of Concern	76	Senior Companion Program

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SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
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COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	1,721	5

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Peoria	FGP of Peoria and Tazewell Counties (Current) Peoria Citizen's Committee for Economic Opportunity	77	Foster Grandparent Program
Peoria	The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (Current) The Center for Youth and Family Solutions	165	RSVP
Quincy	Adams County RSVP (Completed) John Wood Community College	700	RSVP
Quincy	John Wood Community College (Current) John Wood Community College	700	RSVP
River Grove	RSVP of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties (Current) Triton College	500	RSVP
Rock Falls	Western Illinois FGP (Current) Tri-County Opportunities Council	154	Foster Grandparent Program
Rock Island	RSVP of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (Current) Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging	900	RSVP
Rockford	RSVP of Winnebago and Boone Counties (Current) Lutheran Social Services of Illinois	926	RSVP
Springfield	RSVP of Sangamon, Menard and Logan Counties (Current) Senior Services of Central Illinois	376	RSVP
Steeleville	RSVP of Monroe, Perry and Randolph Counties (Current) Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Corporation	675	RSVP
Waukegan	RSVP of Lake County (Current) Lake County Community Action Program	350	RSVP

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Nonprofit Subgrantees in Illinois

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Chicago, IL	Center for Changing Lives Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Humboldt Park Social Services provides comprehensive support to serve, empower and advocate for community residents experiencing homelessness or housing instability so they may obtain and maintain permanent housing.
Chicago, IL	Central States SER Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	SER is launching a new Financial Opportunity Center in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago, providing employment services, financial coaching, and public benefits access.
Chicago, IL	Instituto del Progreso Latino Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Instituto del Progreso Latino contributes to the fullest development of Latino immigrants and their families through education, training and employment through their Financial Opportunity Center.
Chicago, IL	Jane Addams Resource Corporation Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Jane Addams Resource Corporation is offering financial services within a manufacturing-based job training context, including employment services, financial coaching, and public benefits access.
Chicago, IL	Center for Changing Lives Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Having successfully operated an integrated service delivery model since 2006, Center for Changing Lives (CCL) seeks to build its capacity to provide clients greater access to higher paying jobs and career pathways. Through a Bridges to Careers Social Innovation Fund grant, CCL will enhance its current course offerings on computer basics, computer mechanics and operating systems to offer an Information Technology (IT) Bridge that cultivates the basic and academic skills needed to achieve long-term success in information technology training and careers. CCL's current course offerings and its future IT Bridge offerings are fully embedded within CCL's existing integrated service delivery model, ensuring all IT Bridge clients receive employment, financial and income supports services
Chicago, IL	Central States SER Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Central States SER, Jobs for Progress, Inc. will build upon its extensive experience as a LISC-funded Financial Opportunity Center and its innovative integration of the three components of FOC services into its WIA/WIOA-funded Garfield Workforce Center, along with its proven experience delivering a healthcare bridge program, to launch yet another blending – of Bridge and integrated services delivery in the East Garfield Park community of Chicago. This approach will allow SER to further innovate its Bridge efforts and more importantly bring the foundational skills preparation, industry-recognized and credentialed skills training, coaching and support services and career ladder progressing to the population it targets in its existing services.
Chicago, IL	Instituto del Progreso Latino Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Instituto del Progreso Latino (Instituto) will formally integrate its healthcare and manufacturing bridge programs with the services its FOC offers in order to provide its clients with seamless access to all services. Instituto will ensure that all clients are formally introduced to the FOC and participate in all aspects of the program, especially one-on-one meetings with FOC coaches. Instituto will show that combining services in this way will make it possible to address financial issues that may impinge on clients' ability to reach their training and career goals. In sum, Instituto will enhance the benefits already offered by its award-winning, nationally-recognized bridge programs, resulting in a program in which the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.



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Chicago, IL	Jane Addams Resource Corporation Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	JARC offers bridge programming for adults who want careers in manufacturing or those who want to build careers in multiple sectors where digital literacy and customer-focused servicing skills are required. JARC offers three different contextualized bridge programs at its locations in Ravenswood and Austin, which include: Manufacturing Bride, Press Brake Bridge, and Career Management Course Bridge, which focuses on digital literacy and job readiness training. All bridge program participants receive integrated services which include income supports, employment services and a robust set of financial services and financial education. JARC believes that taking a holistic approach to integrated support services in tandem with offering high-quality career pathways training for basic skills-deficient adults is the key to becoming financially capable over the long term for individuals and their families.
Chicago, IL	Metropolitan Family Services Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Metropolitan Family Services (Metropolitan), through its Financial Opportunity Center, offers employment services, financial coaching, and income supports access on Chicago's South Side. Metropolitan will leverage the bridge programming available at Kennedy King College (KKC), supporting students with wraparound FOC services. Participants will earn a GED, gain the industry-recognized ServSafe credential, and have the opportunity to continue in KKC's degree programs and/or begin employment in a hospitality career pathway. Metropolitan's FOC and bridge program is also unique because the services are located on the campus of KKC and accessible to students as well as the broader neighborhood.
Chicago, IL	North Lawndale Employment Network Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	NLEN will existing Financial Opportunity Center integrated services delivery and job readiness and occupational skills training to offer a bridge programming to access sustainable-wage growth industries in Chicago. NLEN's program will prepare low-income job seekers, including citizens returning from incarceration and others with multiple barriers to employment, who have reading and math skills below the 10th grade level to enter and succeed on a career pathway in Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Bridge training includes job readiness, contextualized academics and career development, commercial driver's license Class B preparation, and training in rail and diesel mechanics. FOC services including career and employment coaching will support participants' success in training.
Chicago, IL	POAH Communities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	POAH will launch a new Bridges to Career Opportunities program focused on the hospitality and retail sectors. Preparation for this career pathway will consist of two contextualized course offerings, one to bring participants to a minimum of 6th grade reading and math skills, and the second from 6th to 10th grade level, providing two entry points for the program. From there, participants enter occupational skills training and secure two credentials: the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate, and the National Retail Federation Foundation's Customer Service and Sales Certificate, an industry credential for retail. In addition to the innovation of integrating bridge programming with supportive Financial Opportunity Center services, POAH's project serves an unmet need in the community in that it provides a faster track to credentials and training for individuals at or below the 6th grade reading and math levels.



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	<i>Intermediary</i>	
Chicago, IL	New Moms, Inc. REDF (2015)	New Moms, Inc. supports Chicago area young moms (aged 13-24) and their children, who are experiencing poverty and homelessness, with the personal and workforce development tools they need to permanently change their life stories from chronic dependence on society, to economic independence and family stability. Since 2010, their social enterprise, Bright Endeavors, has provided workforce training and transitional jobs for these young mothers. Bright Endeavors lights the way out of poverty for young moms by teaching these strong women to craft premium soy candles in a supportive, professional environment. Through our paid transitional jobs program, we provide the guidance and job skills young moms need to secure quality employment and achieve a lifetime of personal success
Chicago, IL	The Cara Program REDF (2015)	The Cara Program prepares and inspires motivated individuals to break the cycles of homelessness and poverty, transform their lives, strengthen our communities, and forge paths to real and lasting success. Since 2005, The Cara Program has operated social enterprises in Chicago to provide transitional jobs for people who have faced barriers to work. Cara operates two social enterprises: CleanSlate, a community beautification and maintenance company, and TCP Staffing, a staffing agency. These enterprises provide wage-paying transitional jobs to employees who also receive coaching and supports to help stabilize their lives.
Chicago, IL	Youth Guidance The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation	Youth Guidance serves at-risk male youth grades 7-10 (ages 12-18) in distressed Chicago neighborhoods through a promising dropout and violence prevention program, "Becoming a Man" (BAM). BAM offers in-school programming, in some cases complemented by afterschool sports, to develop social-cognitive skills strongly correlated with reductions in anti-social behavior. The in-school program currently consists of 30 voluntary one-hour small-group sessions (15 youth, maximum), conducted once a week during the school day over the course of the school year. Each session is built around a lesson designed to develop a specific skill through stories, role-playing, and group exercises, and includes a homework assignment to practice and apply that skill. The afterschool sports component reinforces conflict resolution skills and the social and emotional learning objectives of the BAM curriculum. The BAM program is an evidenced-based intervention and recently underwent a randomized controlled trial conducted by the University of Chicago Crime Lab that showed it increased school engagement, reduced arrests for both violent and nonviolent crime, and had the potential to increase high school graduation rates. With this investment, Youth Guidance will be able to serve an additional 2,420 young men through the BAM program in existing and new sites throughout Chicago.